(c) & (d). i. One main cause for the delay in the publication of the proceedings is the unduly long time taken by the Hon'ble Members themselves to return the manuscripts of their speeches duly revised. The following steps have been taken to minimise it as far as possible.

1. Formerly the transcripts of speeches used to be sent to the Members for the purpose of revision, only a week or two after the meeting. Now special arrangements have been made to hand over the manuscripts to the Hon'ble Members within 24 hours from the time speeches are delivered.

2. The number of Malayalam speeches having increased lately, one more Malayalam Short-hand Reporter is drafted for work during the Council days.

3. Special care is taken to select the best hands available to report the English speeches. The Short-hand Reporters of the Judges of the Chief Court are also engaged at present. All the Reporters are ordered to practice for a certain number of hours every day before the commencement of the meeting.

4. A proposal to appoint a Head Reporter and three other Reporters with previous experience and high attainments in speed, is now engaging the attention of the Government.

5. Repeated reminders are generally sent to those Members who take an unduly long time to return the manuscripts revised. There are however instances of the manuscripts being never returned at all.

ii. Another cause for the delay has been the heavy work in the Government Press and the consequent difficulty of getting the papers printed expeditiously. To get over this difficulty the services of the private presses have begun to be engaged.

Hours of work in Factories.

370. Mr. K. M. Ibrahim.— With reference to Question No. 312 regarding wages, will the Government show in a tabular form, the hours of work prevalent in each institution?

Rama Varmha Tampuran.— A statement showing the hours of work prevailing in 96 of 106 registered Factories in the State is appended. *(Vide Appendix IV.)* Some of the registered Factories are not working now, and the working hours with regard to them are not given.

Mr. K. M. Ibrahim.—Did not the Government promise in the last meeting that an amended factory Regulation will be introduced in this Council.

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Rama Varmha Tampuran.—Yes.

Mr. K. M. Ibrahim.—Then where is it?

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—The Bill is still under consideration. We have returned the Bill to the District Magistrate in order to incorporate a few amendments which have been recently introduced by the Government of India. As soon as it is received action will be taken to expedite the matter.

Mr. K. M. Ibrahim.—Did not the Hon'ble Member give a definite promise at the last meeting that this Bill will be introduced in this meeting itself.

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—I only said that such a Bill is under consideration and it is still under consideration. I would never have said that it will be introduced in this meeting itself.

President.—Even if he had made such a promise if there are certain additional materials which ought to be incorporated in the Bill will it not be reasonable to wait for some time more.

Mr. K. M. Ibrahim.—May I know why this question was not answered along with question No. 312? The question is with reference to question No. 312 regarding wages. Will the Government show in a tabular form the Hours of work prevalent in each institution? So obviously the request was put that these two questions should be answered simultaneously.

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—Information on this question might not have been received when the other question was answered. These questions are answered from different departments and even if it is from one department it may be from different sections thereof. It is not therefore possible to prepare all these answers simultaneously, We are answering each question immediately when the reply is received. In fact we are working in the Huzur late in the night in order that these answers may be put here every morning.

Mr. K. M. Ibrahim.—By what time would they introduce the Factory Regulation?

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—As soon as it is received from the District Magistrate it will be sent to the Govt. Advocate for scrutiny and then it will be introduced in the Council.

Mr. K. M. Ibrahim—Do they intend to enact this Regulation under section 15 of the Legislative Council Regulation?

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—It is a matter of opinion.

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Mr. K. M. Ibrahim.—Has that emergent power even been exercised?

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—I want notice.

Mr. K. M. Ibrahim.— Does the Hon'ble Member want notice to say that at least once this extraordinary power was exercised?

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—If I want to give a correct answer I want notice.

Vital statistics—Public Health Department.

371. Mr. E. Ikkanda Warriar.—Will the Government be pleased to state the methods employed by the Department of Public Health for the collection of vital statistics?

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—Vital statistics in the non-municipal areas are collected by the village officers according to the rules laid down in Diwan's Proceedings C. No. 115/06, dated 30th April 1931, Development Department, a copy of which is appended. *(Vide Appendix V.)* The figures thus collected are reviewed by the Director of Public Health as ordered in Diwan's Proceedings D-6-6731/108, dated 3rd January 1933, a copy of which is also appended. *(Vide Appendix VI.)*

Puthenpetta Bazaar road—Kunnamkulam—improvements to.

372. Mr. K. T. Mathew.— Will the Government be pleased to print and place on the table the proceedings of the Diwan of Cochin, Order D. Dis. 4530/07, dated 24th March 1932; and the reply dated 2nd March 1934 to petition dated 10th Kumbham 1109 from Mr. C. C. Ittoop and others, Kunnamkulam; and state

(a) what steps have been subsequently taken to get the work done;

(b) whether any petitions regarding the matter referred to has been received in 1935 by the Diwan or Director or Public Health; and if so,

(c) what is the reply given to the petitioners?

Rama Varmha Tampuran.— The Order No. D. Dis. 4530/07, dated 24th March 1932 and the Memo No. L. Dis. 9871/09, dated 2nd March 1934 sent in reply to the petition are appended. *(Vide Appendix VII.)*

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